

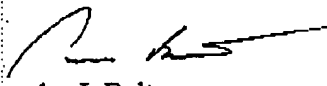
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### REMARKS

Please enter new Claims 51-69 so that they can be substantively examined with currently pending Claims 1-50. Please note that a response to an election of species has been filed concurrently with this Amendment. Applicant submits that new Claims 51-69 are drawn to the elected species and that the elected species therefore read on Claims 51-69.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.


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